

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JAMIE
R. OTTO

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate native Iowan Commander Jim Otto of the United States Navy on his illustrious 22-year military career that will be coming to a close in April of next year.

Commander Otto began his military career in October 1989, when he received his commission after successfully completing Aviation Officer Candidate School that summer. Commander Otto's interest in the military came to fruition mere months after graduating from Drake University in Des Moines, IA with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology in May 1989. He went on to earn his Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College in 2000.

Commander Otto has earned numerous decorations for his service over the last two decades including multiple Defense Meritorious Service, Air Force Aerial Achievement, and Navy Commendation medals just to name a few. Since beginning his career in Iowa, his Naval journey has brought him to all corners of the globe, most recently culminating to U.S. Strategic Command in Nebraska where he continues serving as the Chief, Air and Missile Defense Advocacy Branch.

Mr. Speaker, our country owes Commander Otto, his wife Shelley, and their daughters Sophia and Alexandra a great debt of gratitude for their collective decades of service and sacrifice. Commander Otto's unwavering commitment to serving his fellow Americans embodies the Iowa spirit and I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in wishing him a well deserved and fulfilling retirement. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors as he begins this new chapter in his life.

REMEMBERING DR. HARVE
RAWSON

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with Congressman TODD YOUNG to honor the life and legacy of Professor Harve Rawson.

Harve Rawson was greatly talented and abundantly generous. He earned a bachelor of arts in psychology from Antioch College, and went on to earn a master of arts and doctorate in research psychology at Ohio State University. For thirty-two years Dr. Rawson served as a professor of psychology at Hanover College, and later served as dean of faculty at Franklin College. He was the first two-time winner of the Baynham Teaching Award, and

he was named the Mary E. Hamilton Distinguished Professor of Psychology at Hanover College.

Dr. Rawson was a two-time Fulbright Scholar in psychology and also spent a year teaching at the College of Health Sciences in Bahrain. His great passion for traveling also took him to more than 100 countries and all seven continents. Throughout his long and storied career, he authored dozens of research articles, gave more than 500 professional presentations, and wrote nine books about his personal experience and interests.

His list of accolades and recognitions include being named a Malone Scholar, a Sagamore of the Wabash by the State of Indiana, a Kentucky Colonel, a Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, and a Distinguished Academic Psychologist by the Indiana Psychological Association. Dr. Rawson was also awarded the Golden Quill Award for Outstanding Research and the Outstanding Community Service Award for Psychologists.

But beyond his many academic achievements, Harve Rawson was known as a generous leader who truly possessed a servant's heart. He founded Englishton Park Children's Program, a short-term residential program for at-risk children, where he served as director for 25 years. He was also a founding and long-time board member of the Jefferson County Youth Shelter in Madison, Indiana. Mr. Rawson was a four-time president of the Lide White Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, a long-time member of the Board of Directors of Englishton Park Presbyterian Ministries, Inc., and a member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters board. His impact on the community will forever be remembered by the many lives he touched during his lifetime of service.

We offer our deepest condolences to his sons Paul and Reed, his brother John, his sister Margaret, and his four grandchildren. During this difficult time, we pray you find solace in faith and family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 806 I was delayed in leaving a meeting with a constituent off the House floor during this two minute vote series and was unable to reach the floor to cast my vote before the vote was closed. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT L. TURNER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. TURNER of New York. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall no. 814: I was in the process of questioning Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at a full committee hearing of the Foreign Affairs Committee. As such, I was unable to make it to the floor of the House to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

STATEMENT OF REP. JOHN CONYERS ON HIS VOTES ON OCTOBER 26, 2011

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on October 26, 2011, I was absent and unable to vote on two amendments to H.R. 1904 offered by my colleagues Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts and Mr. LUJÁN of New Mexico. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both amendments.

NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY
MONTH

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the observance of October as National Work and Family Month. Last Congress, the House of Representatives passed with unanimous support H. Res. 768, a resolution that I introduced supporting this same goal and requesting the President to issue a proclamation calling for the observance of October as National Work and Family Month. Now that October has arrived this year, I want to call our attention once again to this effort to strengthen America's families, improve our work environments, and create a stronger economy and society.

It is an unfortunate fact that many Americans are unhappy with both their work environments and, even worse, their lives in general. The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, an ongoing research project to measure Americans' perceptions of their well-being, has found that 53 percent of Americans are unsatisfied with their work environment. Even more disturbing, the Well-Being Index found an equal percentage of Americans states that their lives as a whole are "suffering" or "struggling," as opposed to "thriving."

In this time of economic hardship, Congress cannot delay any longer. We must work together to find solutions to help rebalance the

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